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CLOTHES DRYER AND MOISTURE EXHAUST VENTS (Per 2013 CMC)

Installation:

- The duct must be rigid smooth metal with smooth interior surfaces corrugated metal not allowed.
- Screws or other fasteners that will obstruct flow cannot be used (blind pop rivets OK).
- Ducts may not pass through ducts or plenums.
- The duct must be min. 4 in. diameter.
- Closets intended for dryer installation require min. 100 sq. in. openings in or under door for makeup air.

Length

The maximum combined horizontal and vertical length is 14 ft. which includes 2 90-degree elbows. A length
of 2 ft. is deducted for each elbow in excess of two. Longer lengths are only acceptable with advance
approval by the building department and in accordance with the dryer manufacturer's instructions.

Termination:

- The duct must terminate on the exterior of the building at least 3 feet from other openings into the building and at least 3 feet from the property line.
- The duct must terminate in a backdraft damper with no screen.

Connection:

- Flexible listed dryer transition ducts are allowed in lengths up to 6 feet between the dryer and the duct.
- Transition ducts must be listed for the purpose; plastic flexible ducting is not acceptable. Transition ducts cannot be concealed within construction.

